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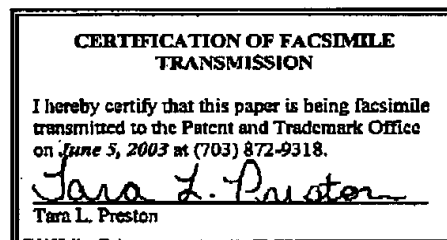
Examiner: David L. Hogans

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Confirmation No.: 3689

For: A METHOD FOR FABRICATING A III-V NITRIDE FILM AND AN APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2003.

Claims 7-9 are pending herein. Claims 7-9 were rejected under §102(e) over Ishida (USSN 09/864,218; US 2001/0047750). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Ishida patent application is not prior art with respect to the present application. The effective date as a prior art reference for the Ishida application is its U.S. filing date of May 25, 2001. The present application claims priority from JP 2000-347,735, which was filed in Japan on November 15, 2000. A verified English Translation of JP '735 is filed herewith. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims in the present application are supported by JP '735. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection over the Ishida patent application is respectfully requested.

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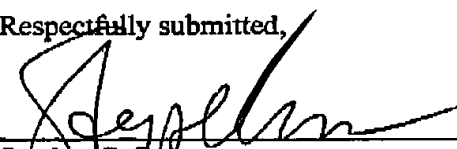
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

June 5, 2003

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Verified English Translation of JP 2000-347,735

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